REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY

SENATE NOVEMBER 5, 2018 – 104 Gore Hall

4:00 PM

MINUTES


I. Adoption of the Agenda
   1. Amendment to the agenda: amended resolution to add 4.4.15 to resolution from last meeting
   2. Vote unanimous

II. Approval of the Minutes: October 8, 2018
   1. Vote unanimous

III. Remarks: Provost Robin Morgan
   1. Ad hoc committee on adjunct faculty report will be released in two weeks
   2. Working group on student course evaluations is meeting, will come up with cautionary language for faculty handbook, and recommendations for course evaluation instruments.
   3. Unidel has given 11 million to the University this year
      • DuPont scholars
      • Grad distinguished scholars
      • Biopharma building
      • Etc.
   4. Be sure not to schedule exams worth more than 25% of the grade during the last week of classes
   5. Thanks to Peggy Bottorf for her work on Unidel grants
   6. Updates on Graduate College, thanks to those working on it
IV. **Announcements:** Senate President Chris Williams (slides)
   1. Senate stop time? There is no official stop time.
   2. More resolutions related to P&T on their way
   3. Dean’s list resolution coming in spring

V. **Consent Agenda:**
   1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Wei-Jun, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) for the **revision to the MS in Animal and Food Sciences**
      - **Vote unanimous with one abstention**

VI. **Regular Agenda:**

   A. **Unfinished Business:** None

   B. **New Business:**

   1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Wei-Jun, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) for the approval of Permanent Status to the MS in Fashion and Apparel Studies

      WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate granted provisional approval for five years to the MS degree in Fashion Studies effective September 1, 2008, and

      WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate recommended a continuation, with an additional 3-year review, before awarding permanent status for the MS in Fashion and Apparel Studies in April, 2014, and

      WHEREAS, the MS in Fashion and Apparel Studies program has addressed all concerns and recommendations made by the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies in April, 2014, and be it therefore

      RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends permanent approval for the Master of Science in Fashion and Apparel Studies effective September 1, 2018.

      - **Discussion none**
      - **Vote 55-0-1**

    Revision of 4.4.15

      - **Vote: unanimous**

VII. **Introduction of New Business:**

   Such items as may come before the Senate. (No motion introduced under new
business, except a motion to refer to committee, shall be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.)

1. **RESOLUTION ON THE USE OF DATABASES IN EVALUATING FACULTY MEMBERS OR ACADEMIC UNITS**

Sponsored by Alan Fox, Secretary of the University Faculty Senate, with cosponsorship by Senators Martha Buell (Past President), Steve Eidelman, Deni Galileo, John Gizis, Arild Hestvik, Muqtedar Khan, Marie Laberge, Melissa Melby, Ismat Shah, and Jim Morrison.

WHEREAS it is crucially important that all faculty members be able to verify easily all information about their achievements in scholarship before such information is used to evaluate them in comparison with other faculty members and/or to evaluate the academic units to which they belong, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statement in Attachment 1 be added to Section 4.3 (“Workload and Evaluation”) of the University Faculty Handbook:

Section 4.3.8: Use of Databases in Evaluating Faculty Members or Academic Units

Since it is crucially important that all faculty members be able to verify easily all information about their achievements in scholarship before such information is used to evaluate them in comparison with other faculty members and/or to evaluate the academic units to which they belong, neither Academic Analytics nor any other database which is not readily accessible by all faculty members at the University of Delaware shall be used in the evaluation of individual faculty members or the academic units to which they belong, including as a component of the data used during an Academic Program Review process.

2. Martha Buell: resolution to approve draft of by-laws and organizational structure for Graduate College – Sponsored by the University Faculty Senate Ad hoc Graduate College Proposal Committee (Martha Buell, Chair)

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate approved a resolution to establish a Graduate College by January 1, 2019, contingent on the passage of further resolutions by the Faculty Senate on or before that date approving (1) an organizational structure that shows relationships among the new Graduate College and existing graduate programs, departments, colleges, the Provost office, and research office, and (2) a draft version of By-laws for the new Graduate College. The organizational structure and draft Bylaws shall be drafted by an ad hoc Faculty Senate committee to be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate in consultation with the Provost no later than June 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee in consultation with the Provost established an ad hoc committee to create a draft organizational structure that shows relationships among the new Graduate College and existing graduate programs, departments, colleges, the Provost office, and research office, and a draft version of By-laws for the new Graduate College comprised of representatives from the seven colleges; and

WHEREAS, the two contingencies, resolutions for (1) an organizational structure and (2) a draft version of By-laws for the new Graduate College be passed by the Faculty Senate prior to approving a resolution to establish a Graduate College before January 1, 2019; be it therefore

RESOLVED, the following draft organizational structure showing relationships among the new Graduate College and existing graduate programs, departments, colleges, the Provost office, and research office, and the
draft version of By-laws for the new Graduate College, found in Attachment 1 be approved by the Faculty Senate.

3. John Jebb: (English), noting that at the October meeting that President Dennis Assanis had offered that the religious holidays mentioned on UD’s Academic Calendar seemed restrictive in a time of multi-cultural awareness, asked the Executive Committee to query the Registrar if the key Islamic holidays can also be listed with the Judeo-Christian holidays on the Calendar. Senator Jebb said that a student’s research informed him that the main Islamic holidays were the first and last days of Ramadan.

4. Fred Hofstetter: why are we counting abstentions though Roberts Rules say not to? Cedes time to John Morgan

5. John Morgan: second midterm exam sometimes given after registration deadlines. Recommends changing last date to change registration to later in term.

Adjourn 4:27